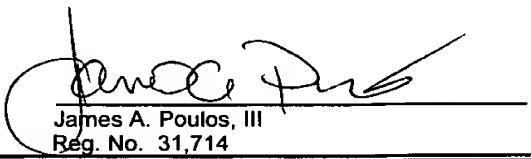


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FORM PTO-1390 (REV 5-93)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. P8907-9002
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		DATE: March 4, 1999
		U.S. APPLN. NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 CFR 1.5) 09/147770
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP97/04774	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 2 September 1997	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 4 September 1996
TITLE OF INVENTION: NITRIC ESTER DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE IN URINARY INCONTINENCE AND OTHER DISEASES		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Piero DEL SOLDATO and Francesco SANNICOLO		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. (THE BASIC FILING FEE IS ATTACHED)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT articles 22 and 39(1).</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> <p>Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: International Preliminary Examination Report CHECK NO. — Drawing(s) —</p>		

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<p>17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:</p> <p>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5):</p> <table> <tr> <td>Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO.....</td> <td>\$840.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)....</td> <td>\$670.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)).....</td> <td>\$760.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) or international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO.....</td> <td>\$970.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4)</td> <td>\$ 96.00</td> </tr> </table>				Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO.....	\$840.00	International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)....	\$670.00	No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)).....	\$760.00	Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) or international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO.....	\$970.00	International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4)	\$ 96.00	CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY
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<p>Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <u>20</u> <u>XX</u> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p>				\$--130.00										
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$--										
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$--										
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<p>a. <u>XX</u> A check in the amount of <u>\$-- 1,100.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <u> </u> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>14-1060</u> in the amount of <u>\$ </u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <u>XX</u> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>14-1060</u>.</p>														
<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>														
<p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>NIKAIDO, MARMELSTEIN, MURRAY AND ORAM Metropolitan Square 655 15th Street, N.W. Suite 330 - G Street Lobby Washington, D.C. 20005-5701 Telephone No. (202) 638-5000</p>														
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